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Hello everyone! It has been quite some time since I last checked in. The reason is that the New York International week was intense. There were several auctions and then four jam-packed days of both auctions and a bourse. Throw in several meetings and you have a busy week. I'll recap it a bit below. I'm glad to be back with you all and reporting on what is new in the numismatic world.

The photo here is the ever amazing Colin Pitchfork. He is displaying a medal he received during the New York International. Colin, 80 years young, is a long time numismatist from Australia. I enjoy my talks with him when we visit at the shows and auctions regularly.

Recap of the NY International Coin Show and Auctions

This was the third year that I attended the show as an independent dealer. Each year I'm amazed at the popularity of this show. I've been told that the FUN show in Florida rivals this show in craziness so maybe one day I'll check that out too. For the moment the NY International is the show for me. It is just hands down a great show. What makes it special is that pretty much everyone that sells or buys ancient and/or world coins is there. There are also a few U.S. coin dealers in attendance. For them it is extremely busy as they have to rush from Florida to NY.

The auctions were incredibly busy. For me the most intense was Triton. This was CNG's first auction post Victor England and Eric McFadden at the helm. Although they are still very much involved in the company they founded, it was Mike Gasvoda, the new owner, that was hopefully elated with the success of the auction. The Greek coins sold at record high levels. The Matthew Curtis collection was a group of beautiful coins, most of them aesthetically significant and quite a few with notable pedigrees. Mr. Curtis, who died last year, left a huge collection behind. In fact, his coins will continue to be sold in the next CNG E-Sale which is coming next Wednesday (see below for more information). There were also notable coins from the Jack Frazer collection. One of the more touching parts of the auction was meeting Richard (Dick) Jourdan whose collection of coins encompassing Vandals, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Lombards, etc. was auctioned. Mr. Jourdan at 90 years old took the nice step of selling his collection prior to his death. I think that it was especially gratifying for him to see where his collection was going to.

Heritage, The New York Sale (Goldberg, Sovereign Rarities, M&M Washington and Markov collaboration), Spink USA, Stack's Bowers and Baldwin's of St. James all had successful auctions.

The coin show was equally busy and happily I got to meet and greet many of the collectors that I have been working with over the year. I sold several of my coins from inventory and bought a few more to replace them! I highly recommend the coin show for those of you that want a comprehensive experience of coin auctions and bourse. A great experience!

There are some notable auctions coming up:

CNG EAuction 460 or Triton XXIII, part V (29 January)

This esale of 1,069 lots continues some of the collections that commenced with Triton. We will get another chance at some additional Matthew Curtis coins. You can pretty much expect beautiful pieces when you see an M. Curtis pedigree. Mr. Curtis limited his coins to the Greek series (at least what I have seen), but there is plenty. There are also additional coins from the Jack Frazer collection in this sale. Check out lot #12. It is a lovely Greek bronze with a pedigree that goes back to the 1920's from the Sambon

collection. The prices are reasonable right now but I expect this to be a strong sale. Good coins always sell for good prices. Starting with lot 485 there is an interesting group of Mark Antony legionary denarii from Prof. David Beatty. The world coin section is 122 lots and several from the Jack Frazer collection with old pedigrees and lovely toning. This is a sale to check out. I will be participating in this auction so get in touch if you need help.

Künker Auctions at the World Money Fair 2020 in Berlin (31 January - 2 February)

Künker auctions will be front and center among the action at the World Money Fair in Berlin at the end of this month. There are a few collections being auctioned. One of the more interesting is the Prussian gold collection of the late Prof. Rudolf Wierchert (1928-2013). Prof. Weichert didn't start collecting until he was in his retirement but once he began he assembled a massive and impressive collection. Künker does the professor service by having created a beautiful hardbound catalog with pictures, stories behind the many times now unknown prince electorates of the time. Most of the coins have a pedigree back to Künker in the 1990's and forward but several carry earlier pedigrees.

Lot 195 is an absolutely stunning 40 Ducat piece from Karl Wilhem Friedrich (1729-1757). It shows the Karl with his bride Friederike Caroline von Sachsen Coburg-Saalfeld in 1754. This is a must see even if world coins is not your thing. There are so many impressive large size medals and talers in this auction that I even considered for a minute to attend the auction!

Upcoming Auctions

Chris Rudd - The John Follows Collection (15 March, 17 May and 19 July)

Chris Rudd will be selling a very important collection of British Celtic coins in three parts. The collection is particularly strong in gold staters and quarter staters. Many of the gold are types that are rarely seen and to be assembled into this group will be a treat for the collector of Celtic. As Liz Cottam states in a beautiful leaflet on the auction "many [of the coins] were bought directly from finders, recorded by the Celtic Coin Index and published in various reference books". I'm very excited to see this group be offered and I urge you to reach out to me if you want more information or representation.

Europe Trip (March 5-20, 2020)

I will be heading over to the other side of the Atlantic to attend Numismata in Munich, the Gorny & Mosch auction and finally up to Künker Osnabrück for the highly anticipated Samel Collection of Jewish Coins and Medals. In the next newsletter I'll start to describe some of these upcoming sales but please remember that Künker does not offer online bidding for their in house auctions so if you want to participate get in touch.

Coin of the Week

NORMAN. William I 'the Conqueror'. Godwig, moneyer. 1066-1087. London mint. Struck c. 1074-1077.
AR Penny, 1.31g (19mm, 6h). Two Stars type (BMC v). + PILELM REX II, crowned facing

bust; stars flanking / + GODPI ON LVND, cross botonnée with central annulet over quadrilateral with curved sides.

Pedigree: Ex G. W. Trow Collection (Triton 20, 9 January 2017), lot 1550, purchased from M. Rasmussen, 14 April 2009; Millennia Collection (Goldberg 46B, 26 May 2008), lot 263; Dr. Jacob Y. Terner Collection; Triton VI (14 January 2003), lot 1482.

Price: $2,500

References: SCBI 53 (Scottish), 97 (same rev. die); BMC 349 (same dies); North 845; SCBC 1254

Grade: EF, toned, with golden hues

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William I changed the course of English history when he and his troops conquered England in 1066 after the death of his relative, the childless Edward the Confessor. Edward's death sparked dynastic crisis and the eventual Norman Conquest of England. William overtook England which expediency and military prowess when he crossed over from the European mainland to England. He didn't kill off the political competition as some of his predecessors did, but rather engaged in a series of debt collection that forced many to lose their property. William is also responsible for the Norman practice of building castles of which he did all over England. Most notably, he built the Tower of London. In his old age William grew quite large and when he finally died in 1087 he barely fit in his casket. The problem was exacerbated by the undertakers at the church attempting to push his large frame completely in by pushing on

his chest. The horrifying result was that his body literally exploded. The repugnant smell emanating from the casket during his service was certainly a sad remembrance of such a historic man.

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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